Demand No.	Amount Rs.	Particulars.
XII. Education.	1,27,232	On account of the donation of B. Rs. 1¼ lacs to the Benares Hindu University for reserving at least 4 seats for Travancore students every year in the Electrical Engineering course, 2 seats in the Industrial Chemistry course and one each in the Mining and Metallurgy courses.
XVI. Medical and Sanitary—Chemical Examiner, Ayurveda Department including grants to Institutions and honoraria to Vaidyans and Sanitary Department.	7,000	For plague preventive measures in the Devicolam taluk.
XXII. Miscellaneous.	1,250	For the expenses in connection with the working of the Economic Depression Enquiry Committee.

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PRESIDENT: The Financial Secretary will now present the Budget for 1107.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir,

I rise to present the Budget Estimates for the year 1107. As usual, I shall review briefly the results of the last completed financial year.

ACTUALS OF 1105.

2. The final audited figures of ordinary revenue and expenditure charged to revenue for the last year stood at Rs. 247·23 lakhs and Rs. 240·31 lakhs respectively, leaving a revenue surplus of Rs. 6·92 lakhs against Rs. 4·87 lakhs anticipated this time last year. Both the revenue and expenditure of the year fell short of our expectations, the

former by Rs. ·82 of a lakh and the latter by Rs. 2·87 lakhs. Land Revenue declined by Rs. 2·06 lakhs, mainly on account of the postponement to this year of the collection of taxes on Kandukrishi pattom wet lands under the Ambalapuzha Kandukrishi. Excise revenue was better by Rs. 1·28 lakhs. On the expenditure side, the large saving was under Education, due to the lapse of a portion of the provision for payment of arrears of grants to Vernacluar Schools.

REVISED ESTIMATES FOR 1106.

3. I now turn to review our financial position for the year which is about to close.

4. The Budget Estimate for the current year was for a revenue of Rs. 250·79 lakhs and provided for an expenditure of Rs. 248·77 lakhs, leaving a revenue surplus of Rs. 2·02 lakhs. But, as a result of the altered situation brought about by the world-wide economic depression and the liquor shop picketing movement started towards the close of the last year, the actuals of revenue for the year, so far known, have not come up to our expectations, while the major portion of the budgeted expenditure has had to be provided for. On the basis of the available figures and with due regard to the effect of the concessions already granted by Government to alleviate economic distress, the revenue and expenditure of the year are now expected to stand at Rs. 233·18 lakhs and Rs. 240·65 lakhs respectively, turning the anticipated surplus of Rs. 2·02 lakhs into a deficit of Rs. 7·47 lakhs.

5. The revenue for the year, as stated above, is expected to fall short of the original estimate by Rs. 17·61 lakhs. The important items which contribute to this decline are Land Revenue (2·89), Excise (11·73), Forest (·66) Stamps (3·43), and Registration (2·20). Land Revenue is expected to be less by Rs. 2·89 lakhs although the revised estimate for the current year takes credit for nearly Rs. 2 lakhs, being the deferred payment of rent on Kandukrishi pattom wet lands under the Ambalapuzha Kandukrishi. As a measure of relief to the Rubber planters, Government have reduced the tax on rubber lands from Rs. two to Re. one per acre in all cases in which the tax is realisable at the former rate and have made the reduction applicable with respect to tax due in 1106 as well. The commutation rate of paddy rent of the Trivandrum and Ambalapuzha Kandukrishi pattom wet lands has been reduced from Chs. twenty-four to Chs. twenty and Chs. eighteen per parah of paddy respectively, for the Minom, Medom and Edavam *thavana* (instalments) of 1106, in the case of those tenants who pay up all the dues for the year within the year itself. In the case of the tenants who have already paid up their dues at the higher rate, the excess has been arranged to be adjusted by short recovery from the next payment. With a view to avoid hardship to such of the ryots as have fallen into arrears of land tax through sheer inability and not unwillingness and as might pay up the dues if given time to find money, Government have instructed the Dewan Peishkars and the Commissioner, Devicolam,

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